

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-215-C – ORDER NO. 2007-646

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

IN RE: Petition of Sprint Communications Company)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
L.P. and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint)	DEADLINES
PCS for Arbitration of Rates, Terms and)	
Conditions of Interconnection with BellSouth)	
Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South)	
Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Joint Request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast (AT&T) and Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint) for the establishment of September 14, 2007, as the deadline for submission of proposed orders and/or post-hearing briefs in this Docket and to extend the deadline to conclude the resolution of any unresolved issues in Docket No. 2007-215-C to October 5, 2007.

During the August 20, 2007, hearing on this arbitration matter, the Commission announced that the transcript of the hearing was to be made available on August 30, 2007. This led to discussions on the record regarding a briefing schedule and a possible waiver or extension of the federal deadline for the Commission to conclude the resolution of any unresolved issues in this matter. Consistent with these discussions, AT&T and Sprint have jointly requested that this Commission establish September 14, 2007, as the

deadline for submission of proposed orders and/or post-hearing briefs and that the Commission extend the deadline to “conclude the resolution of any unresolved issues in this matter” to October 5, 2007. See 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b)(4)(C). The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) does not object to this request as it is aware that such requests are not uncommon in other state jurisdictions.

Further, AT&T and Sprint agree that they will neither (1) request the FCC to act to preempt the Commission’s jurisdiction over this matter prior to the expiration of the October 5, 2007, deadline nor (2) use the Commission’s decision not to act within the original nine-month timeframe specified in 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b)(4)(C) as grounds for appeal of the Commission’s resolution of the issues in this proceeding. (The last day of the original nine-month period is September 17, 2007.) (See also Order No. 2004-470 in Docket No. 2004-42-C, dated October 6, 2004, where the nine-month deadline was extended in another Docket.) Given that it does not object to the joint request of AT&T and Sprint, the ORS agrees that it will take no such action with regard to this proceeding.

We grant the joint request of AT&T and Sprint recognizing September 14, 2007, as the deadline for submission of proposed orders and/or post-hearing briefs in this Docket. Further, we hereby extend the deadline to conclude the resolution of any unresolved issues in this Docket until October 5, 2007.

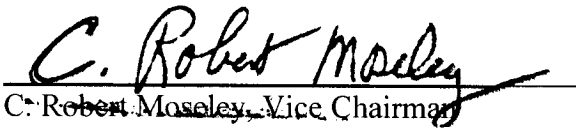
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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